

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 8, without prejudice, and amend claims 1-6, 9-10, 12-13, 16-18 and 21-22 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite storage apparatus comprising:

a ~~storage device~~disk drive which has a ~~unit~~first connector for a first interface; and

a card board having ~~units~~a second connector for the first interface and a third connector for a second interface, interface different in type of interface from the first interface,

wherein said card board further comprises:

an interface conversion circuit for converting said second interface into said first ~~interface;~~interface and being connected to said third connector for connecting to an outside connection using said second interface; and

~~a connector which is connected to said interface conversion circuit; and~~

a memory card device which is connected to said interface conversion ~~circuit;~~circuit; and

wherein said second connector is connected to a connection line between the interface conversion circuit and the memory card device, for connecting to the outside connection when connecting with the outside connection using the first interface, and for

connecting to a disk drive having a first interface when connecting with the outside connection using the second interface.

2. (Currently Amended) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said memory card device comprises:

a fourth connector of a memory card; and  
a memory card control circuit which is connected to said fourth connector of said memory card and controls at least one of read and write of said memory card.

3. (Currently Amended) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the fourth connector of said memory card comprises a plurality of connectors which support different types of memory cards, and

said memory card control circuit comprises a memory card control circuit for controlling at least one of read and write of said respective different types of memory cards.

4. (Currently Amended) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a cable for connecting the second connector of said card board and ~~at the~~ first connector of said ~~storage device~~ disk drive in the case of an external connection with said second interface.

5. (Currently Amended) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a cable for parallel connecting the second connector of said card board and ~~at~~ the first connector of said ~~storage device~~ disk drive to the external in the case of an external connection with said first interface.

6. (Currently Amended) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising setup means for setting the master/slave between ~~a~~ said memory card and said ~~storage device~~ disk drive and disposed in said card board.

7. (Original) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said card board mounts said memory card device and said interface conversion circuit on the single side thereof.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim ~~8~~ 1, wherein said ~~storage device~~ disk drive is comprised of a removable disk drive.

10. (Currently Amended) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 8,1, wherein said disk drive comprises:

a disk drive mechanism; and

a drive board on which a circuit for controlling said disk drive mechanism is mounted.

11. (Original) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first interface is a parallel interface, and said second interface is a serial interface.

12. (Currently Amended) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim ~~1~~,11, wherein said first interface is an ATA/ATAPI interface, and said second interface is a USB interface.

13. (Currently Amended) A card board having first and second interfaces, comprising:

an interface conversion circuit for converting said second interface different in type of interface from said first interface into said first interface;

a first connector which is connected to said interface conversion circuit,circuit and for connecting ~~with the~~to an outside connection using said ~~first~~second interface;and

a memory card device which is connected to said interface conversion circuit and said connector; and

a second connector which is connected to a connection line between the interface conversion circuit and the memory card device, for connecting to the outside connection when connecting with the outside connection using the first interface, and for connecting to a disk drive having a first interface when connecting with the outside connection using the second interface.

14. (Previously Presented) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein said memory card device further comprises:

a connector of a memory card; and

a memory card control circuit which is connected to said connector of said memory card and controls at least one of read and write of said memory card.

15. (Original) The card board according to Claim 14, wherein the connector of said memory card comprises a plurality of connectors which support different types of memory cards, and said memory card control circuit is a control circuit for controlling at least one of read and write of said respective different types of memory cards.

16. (Currently Amended) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein the second connector of said card ~~memory~~board and a connector of a ~~storage device~~disk drive are connected with a cable in the case of an external connection with said second interface.

17. (Currently Amended) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein said external equipment and the second connector of said card ~~memory~~board are connected with a cable in the case of an external connection with said first interface.

18. (Currently Amended) The card board according to Claim ~~14~~13, further comprising setup means for setting ~~at~~the master/slave between said memory card and ~~an external storage device~~a disk drive.

19. (Original) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein said card board mounts said memory card device and said interface conversion circuit on a single face thereof.

20. (Original) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein said first interface is a parallel interface, and said second interface is a serial interface.

21. (Currently Amended) The card board according to Claim 13, ~~13,20~~, wherein said first interface is an ATA/ATAPI interface, and said second interface is a USB interface.

22. (Currently Amended) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein the second connector of said card board and a connector of a removable ~~storage device~~ disk drive are connected with a cable in the case of an external connection with said second interface.